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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: U.S.-MEXICO CIVAIR BILATERAL

1. DURING MY MARCH 9 MORNING DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HIM ON MY RECENT WASHINGTON LUNCHEON MEETING WITH CAB CHAIRMAN KAHN AND CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL WITH REGARD TO THE NEW AIR ROUTES PROVIDED FOR U.S. FLAG CARRIERS UNDER THE RECENTLY-SIGNED AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S.-MEXICO CIVAIR ACCORD. DURING THE LUNCHEON I HAD POINTED OUT THAT THE GOM COULD BE EXPECTED TO THINK THE USG HAD NEGOTIATED IN BAD FAITH, SHOULD THE USG NOT EXPEDITE THE AWARDED OF THE NEW ROUTES IN TIME FOR THE HIGH TOURIST SEASON BEGINNING THE FALL OF 1978. I HAD EMPHASIZED THAT THE IMMEDIACY OF THE PROBLEM COULD NOT BE OVERSTATED IN THAT THE AIR CARRIERS AND TRAVEL AGENTS WOULD REQUIRE SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME TO GEAR UP PREFUNCTIONAL EFFORTS FOR THE NEWLY-AWARDED ROUTES. ROEL WAS ELATED WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT THE CAB CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL HAD INDICATED THAT IT WOULD TAKE THE CAB ABOUT 120 DAYS TO PROCESS THE AWARDED OF ROUTES IF THEY WERE CONTESTED, AND LESS TIME FOR NON-CONTESTED ROUTES. I ALSO INFORMED ROEL THAT I HAD TOLD CHAIRMAN KAHN I WOULD

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BE WILLING TO USE MY GOOD OFFICES TO HASTEN EXECUTIVE BRANCH CONSIDERATION ON CAB ROUTE AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS. THE GIST OF MY CONVERSATION WITH THE CAB OFFICIALS AS RELATED TO ROEL WAS REITERATED BY ME TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO AT OUR AFTERNOON MEETING ON MARCH 9. THE PRESIDENT INDICATED HE WAS PLEASED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND THE ATTENTION THE USG WAS GIVING TO ACTIONS WHICH

WOULD STRENGTHEN MEXICAN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT. HE EMPHA-
SIZED THE IMPORTANCE TO THE MEXICAN ECONOMY OF THE
ADDITIONAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE THE VISITORS USING THESE NEW
FLIGHTS WILL GENERATE. LUCEY

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